

WO-443

1894

St. James M. E. Church  
Pocomoke City vicinity  
Public worship

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HISTORIC CONTENT INFORMATION

Resource Name: ST. JAMES M. E. CHURCH

MHT Inventory Number: WO-443

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s): ARCHITECTURE  
RELIGION
- 2) Geographic Orientation: EASTERN SHORE
- 3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):  
INDUSTIRAL-URBAN DOMINANCE /  
1870-1930
- 4) Resource Type(s):  
Church

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WO-443

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic ST. JAMES M. E. CHURCH

and/or common

### 2. Location

street & number Colona Road ☐ not for publication

city, town Pocomoke City ☒ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Worcester

### 3. Classification

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

### 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Trustees of St. James M. E. Church

street & number Colona Road telephone no.:

city, town Pocomoke City state and zip code MD 21851

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Clerk of Court liber

street & number Worcester County Courthouse folio

city, town Snow Hill state MD 21863

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☐ excellent  
☒ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site

☐ moved

date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

St. James Methodist Episcopal Church stands on the north side of Colona Road southwest of Pocomoke City, Worcester County, Maryland. The single-story rectangular frame church faces south with the gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Erected in 1894, the rectangular frame church is supported by an infilled brick pier foundation. Fixed in the brick pier at the southeast corner is the marble datestone, which is inscribed, "St. James M. E. Church, 1894." The church is sheathed with artificial weatherboard siding, and the steeply pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Rising on the southwest corner of the church is the entrance tower, topped by a low pyramidal roof. A modern addition has been attached to the west side of the late nineteenth century church.

The south (main) elevation is an asymmetrical facade with the corner entrance tower adjacent to the gable-front wall of the church. The first floor of the church is pierced by Gothic arched colored glass windows, and a small pointed arch window is fixed in the upper gable. The south face of the tower has a double-door entrance surmounted by a pointed arch, colored glass transom. The doors have been replaced. Diamond-shaped windows mark the upper level of the tower.

The sides of the church are marked by narrow, Gothic-arched colored glass windows. An interior brick chimney stack rises through the east side. The back of the church is marked by a three-sided apse.

The interior was not seen.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1894 Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☒ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

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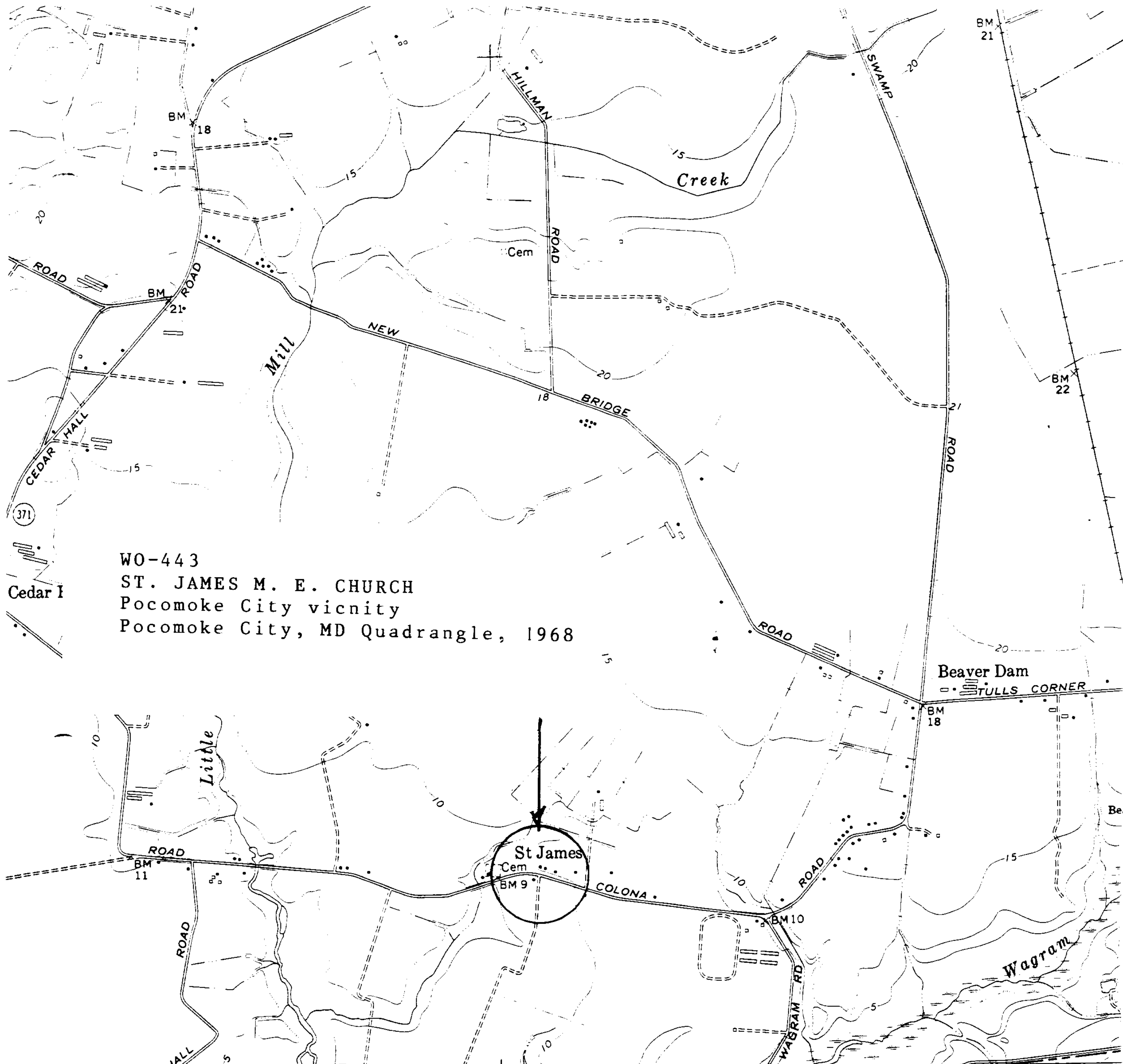
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 Pocomoke City, MD Quadrangle, 1968

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Geological Survey  
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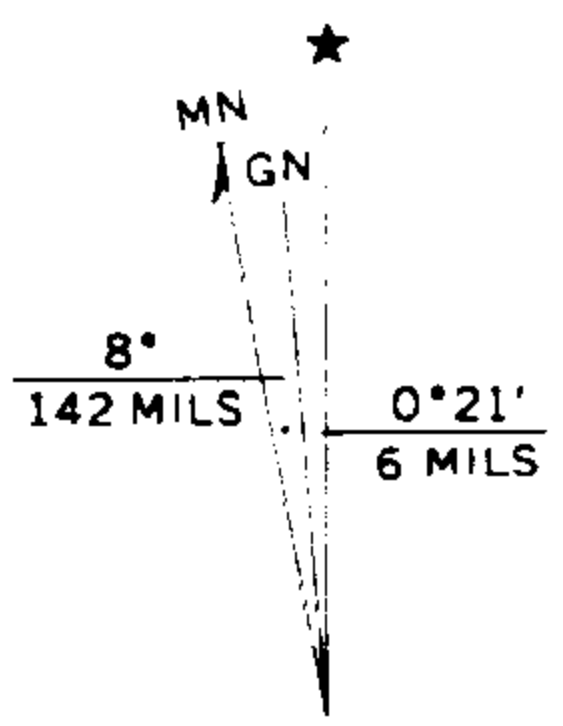
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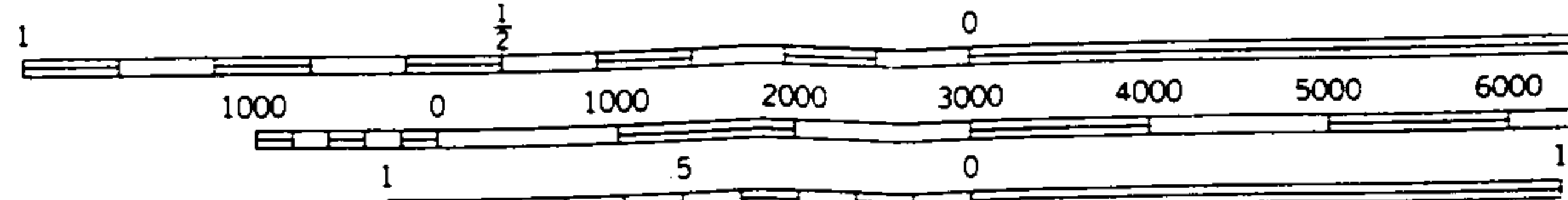
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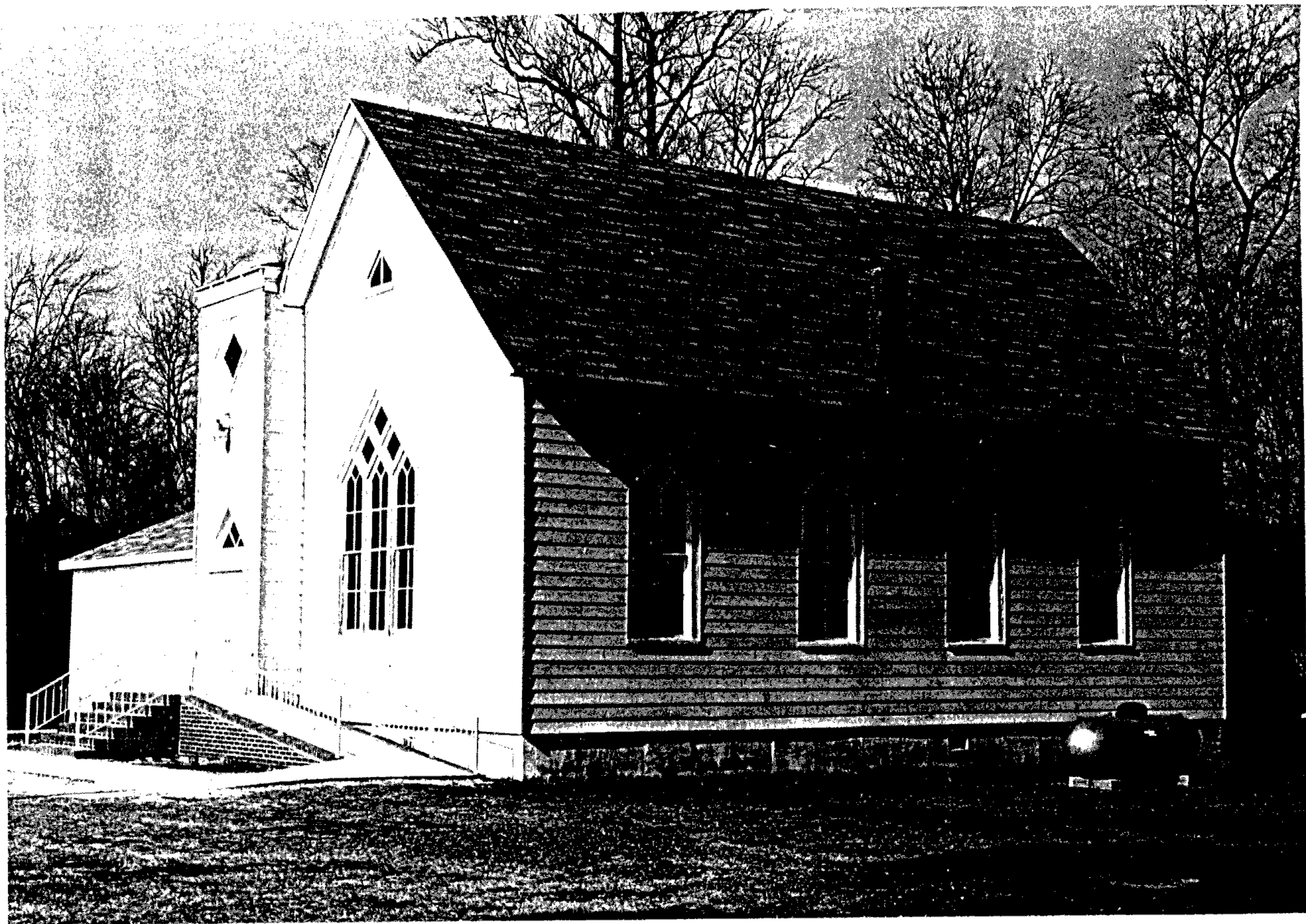
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 THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 1.6 FEET

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
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 AND VIRGINIA DIVISION OF MINERAL RESOURCES, CHARLOTTESVILLE,  
 A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE C



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SOUTHEAST ELEVATION

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